

Walkers crisp packet recycling scheme in SG Stores Ending 25th April 2022

Walkers Crisps have decided to stop their crisp packet recycling scheme this month because there are now more than 3,500 local supermarket collection points where soft flexible plastics, such as crisp packets, can be recycled. This includes local supermarkets such as the Co-op (Bramley and Cranleigh), Sainsburys (Cranleigh) and Tesco.

Soft flexible plastics include items such as plastic crisp packets, bread, cheese and pasta bags and chocolate or biscuit wrappers, plastic film lids on yoghurt pots, soft fruit punnets and ready meals. If you're not sure if it is soft flexible plastic, scrunch it up and see if it pings back, if it does it is likely to be soft plastic. Soft flexible plastics cannot be placed in recycling bins at home.

It appears that the soft plastic will mainly be recycled by the supermarkets to make more packaging but some items with multiple layers may end up being incinerated to produce energy.

These schemes do not accept hard plastic, plastic bottles, tubs, pots, trays and caps or compostables.

Thanks to all of you who took part in the crisp packet recycling scheme in Shamley Green Stores. Hopefully we can now use the bigger schemes that supermarkets offer.